

latives have given a testimony to God and men, that they not only *knew* the truth, but bore their heavy trials with that spirit and disposition that entitle their memory to everlasting respect, and I briefly add my humble moiety of testimony, that I *know* it is the work of God. I *know* that angels visited and conferred on Joseph the Priesthood of God. I *know* that the twelve apostles of this generation are *mighty* and *noble* men, and not only I, but all with yourself, that shall obey God's laws, will also *know* and testify to its truth. I hope then you will go forth now, and render obedience to the law of baptism, by any servant of God in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and you shall rejoice and praise God for his goodness. May it be even so, Amen.

Your friend and humble servant,

T. B. H. STENHOUSE.

To Mr. R. Cue.

The Latter-day Saints' Millennial Star.

MARCH 15, 1849.

EMIGRATION.—The ship "Emblem" cleared from this port (Liverpool) for New Orleans, on the 12th inst., having on board about 100 of the "Latter-day Saints." They were destined for California—the land of treasures—the home of the righteous. Elder Robert Deans, from the Edinburgh Conference was appointed their president. We shall not send any more ships loaded with Saints until the latter part of August or the fore part of September. But if any individuals, families, or companies, either in the Church or out of it, wish at any time, to emigrate to New York, Boston, Philadelphia, or any other port in America, and will send their address, names, ages, and deposits of £1 per head, they shall have their berths secured, and be notified by letter what day to be in Liverpool.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

56, St. Peter Street, 2nd Municipality, New Orleans, February 7th, 1849.

Dear Brother,—I take my pen to write a few lines to you, to let you know of our welfare. The Saints are now enjoying good health, and the most of them are in good work yet. This has been, so far, an uncommon warm winter for this place, and business has been very dull. About the 15th of December that much dreaded *monster*, that walketh in darkness and wasteth at mid-day, (the cholera,) began to show itself, and has laid many thousands prostrate. This frightened many thousands that they immediately left the city; but I told the Saints that the best way was to stand to their post and trust in the God of Israel to protect us, as this was one of the scourges of the last days; and as we had been so highly favoured as to live in the evening of time, the right way for us was to show our faith by our works; and the whole of them showed by their acts they would do so. The air was very badly affected by the epidemic, quite a number of the Saints were attacked, myself among the rest, but we have truly great reason to be thankful to God that our lives were all spared from this calamity, while others were dying upon the right and the left; not more than five or six were saved out of 100 in the charity hospital; take the time together, and part of the time, over 100 died there daily. It has mostly subsided now.

The ship Lord Ashburton arrived here last evening, and brought brothers Thompson, Milner, Hews, and families, all in good health and spirits. The Lord Sandon has not yet arrived.

I would be very glad to have all the emigrants arrive here, if possible, by the 25th of April, as I would be glad to leave here soon after that for the Bluffs. We have

very high water here at this time, and as there is so much snow at the north, I think it will be favourable for us to go up the Missouri river.

Yours in the covenant,

L. N. SCOVILL.

Llanelly, Carmarthenshire, Jan. 29, 1849.

Dear Brother Pratt,—I had waited for your letter at Merthyr until Saturday morning, but as it had not then arrived, and as we had a new Chapel to open here on Sunday, I set off here and only arrived in the middle of the afternoon meeting.

This is a very commodious and well built Chapel, situated in the centre of the town, and will accommodate above a thousand persons with seats.

Yesterday, during each meeting, it was crowded to overflowing, notwithstanding public notices had been published in every other chapel here, prohibiting any of their members attending, upon the penalty of being "turned out of their synagogues;" how much like the ancient Pharisees are their children! Doubtless they were much mortified at their discomfiture, and chagrined when some of them had to pass our chapel and saw it crowded inside with attentive hearers, and the streets outside and round the lower windows thronged with people. I feel persuaded that much good has been done; so far the ramparts of sectarianism are scaled, and some of their chief *coronets* were yesterday publicly baptised; many others promise to desert their "black flag" to-day by being baptised. Our public meetings continue through to-day also. Cheering news salute my ears daily of the progress of the Gospel in Wales. In this town over two hundred have been baptised in the last two years, more than a dozen in the last few days past, and the place all in an uproar now.

The persecutions about Merthyr increase and wax hotter as the time grows nigh for the Saints to emigrate, but I am not alarmed for my life, because I believe that my existence will be prolonged to torment the emissaries of hell much more than ever yet. With love to sister Pratt and family, and your dear self,

I remain your brother, &c.

D. JONES.

78, Muslin-street, Bridgeton, Glasgow, February 27th, 1849.

President O. Pratt.—Beloved brother, enclosed you will find a Post Office Order for £7 10s 4d. This is only a small portion of what we expect to send you in a few days. We have a large number of books, &c., on hand, but they are going off rapidly. The branches are now settling up their accounts. It is a law here, that every branch shall be even with the Glasgow Office, twice in each quarter. In so large a conference it is no easy matter to keep every one in his place and bring about promptness where there has been slackness. When I came here I found the branches greatly in debt—the conference in debt—great carelessness in the spread of the printed word, &c.; since then, we have put in circulation 15 or 16,000 tracts, also many pounds worth of books. There is a spirit of emulation among the Saints, both officers and members, to provide themselves with the books of the law, and all standard works of the kingdom of God. Many, very many are now in possession of the Book of Doctrine and Covenants, and are giving it a careful perusal who never saw the inside of one before, and would likewise have the Book of Mormon, could they get it. The Saints in the various branches are organising themselves into companies, for mutual assistance in the purchase of books upon the plan recommended by me in my letter of last month. We will need, at least, a gross of the Books of Mormon as soon as issued, to meet the demand occasioned by this union of action.

Universal peace and union prevail in this conference, with but few exceptions. There are some who even hold the priesthood that were in rebellion (under-handedly) when I came here, and who are still watching for evil. I have found it essentially necessary, in some instances, to use the pruning-knife as the sickle, but I am happy to state that such instances are rare. Upon the whole I am extremely well pleased with the Saints in this conference, and anticipate great things being done by the union and faith of both officers and members. There have been about 230 baptized in the last eight weeks, and we have prospects of many more obeying the Gospel in

the remaining five weeks of the quarter. We expect to be able to send you a large remittance of money in a few days, and will make every effort to give you the money for every single Book, Star, or Pamphlet sold, before our next conference. I am aware of the great difficulty you must labour under by a want of promptness in the conferences. Hence, I am the more anxious that this conference at least, should be prompt in all its dealings with the STAR OFFICE.

I earnestly desire an interest in your prayers, that the Lord may bless me with wisdom sufficient to enable me to govern all things that are placed under my charge in righteousness before him. My daily prayer to God is, that he will bless you with wisdom and understanding, to enable you to direct and control all the affairs of the churches in the British Isles, with dignity and honor to yourself, and to the advancement of the kingdom of God on the earth. Give my love and esteem to your household. May grace, health, and happiness rest and abide with you and all yours, is the prayer of

ELI B. KELSEY.

Port William, Feb. 24th, 1849, Wigtonshire.

Dear Brother Pratt,—I sit down in the midst of a cloud of “Peat Reek” (the smoke of turf), to converse with you a little by the means of pen and ink. In the first place let me say that my health has not been so good this some time back, (I will apprise you of the cause before I conclude this communication). I hope you and your family enjoy the blessing of good health. It is now near two months since I left my family for this region of country, and took the Newcastle-upon-Tyne rout, in company with Elder William Speakman, who had a few weeks previously suffered the loss of his wife, which he feels much. I was with him a little over two weeks, and visited many branches of that conference. I think I never saw a country so thickly populated as the country immediately adjacent to Newcastle-upon-Tyne. That conference is destined, in a future day, to represent as many branches and members as the Glasgow, Edinburgh, or Manchester conferences. I believe it equals Manchester and its suburbs, for a density of population. Brother William Speakman seems cut out for such a field of labor; he is prudent, wise and intelligent, and enjoys the unbounded confidence, the universal love and esteem of the Saints in that conference.

I found the Saints in Gatehouse all in good standing except two, these I have had to separate from the Church; they had indulged in taking intoxicating liquors to excess. This practice has been the curse and overthrow of many a good man and woman, and threatens to be the downfall of many more. Men have invented many beverages for the belly, in the shape of drinks, but I have found nothing yet to exceed *cold water*, as a refreshing beverage. God has sent that which is of the greatest use to man in the greatest abundance, and has adapted the nature of man, from infancy to old age, for the use of that invaluable element, both as a drink to refresh the stomach, to sweeten the blood, and to invigorate the mind; also as the means of washing away the filth of the flesh, and to give power and strength, health and beauty to the skin. Having seen so many of my brethren and sisters lose their way, and degrade themselves through this abominable Gentile practice, I consider that it is my duty, as well as the duty of every true servant of Christ to show an example that will tend to curb this baneful and destructive evil.

The branch of Gatehouse numbers eight members, including one teacher, all in good standing. I have scattered much seed in Gatehouse and its immediate neighbourhood, but owing to the cold nature of the soil, it does not germinate so soon as it would in a more southern latitude.

I have been two weeks in this place, which is about thirty miles from Gatehouse, and have preached five times. The people are divided, as they were in the days of Paul, some contend for the truth and some against it. Your tracts are going their rounds from house to house, the minister has received a “Divine Authority,” and a “Remarkable Visions.” I have no public place in which to preach, but preach in the peoples’ houses, or any where else where there are people to hear me. We have one Latter-day Saint in this place, brother Joseph Maxwell, I baptized him about three months ago. He is a man of years and experience, and bids fair to be very

useful, I have made him an Elder. We are sowing the seed in this place, and hope to reap soon if we faint not.

It requires great endurance, perseverance, patience and determination in a man who labors in Scotland, (especially in this part of it) to open places which are entirely new; this you learned yourself when you laid the foundation of the Edinburgh Conference. Notwithstanding the things I may suffer in this labor, I will sow the seed of the word of God in hope, and if I do not reap, another will, and the glory shall be the Lord's. Amen.

Yours truly,

G. D. WATT.

Macclesfield, Jan. 28, 1849.

Dearly beloved President Pratt,—As I am about to leave the land of my nativity, to go to the place appointed for the gathering of the Saints of God to rear a house to the Lord, I felt to write to you my feelings at this time.

It is now near ten years since I obeyed the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ in Manchester, and soon after was called to take part in the Ministry, in which I have been engaged about nine years. In which time, beloved brother, I have seen the power of God manifested in many marvellous ways, in healing the sick of nearly every kind of disease. I have known of more than 500 cases of healing, through the ordinances of God's appointing, namely, anointing and laying on of hands. I know this work is of God, and that God has owned the kingdom organized by his servant Joseph the Prophet, whose blood has flowed for its truths; and here I bear testimony to all people, that it is the truth of heaven, and will roll on through every obstacle that may appear, and will renovate the world, and bring about all the precious promises made to the fathers from the beginning.

But beloved brother, there is one thing that I wish to make known, and by it I trust it will be a way-mark for all into whose hands it may come. I have proved the words of our beloved President Brigham, that any teaching any other thing than the first principles would bring them into hurtful snares. Yea, dear brother, many sleepless nights, with deep sorrow, have I had before the Lord my God on account of my unwise course; yet I have sought to make every restitution in my power, and wish to do it still, for I have an object, that is, to save myself and family, and do all I can for the furtherance of this work; and wherein I have grieved any one, I now ask this boon—that they will forgive; for I wish to be at peace with all on the earth.

I have ever had the work of God at heart, and a great desire to push it on; and now after five years travelling and four years labouring on Sabbaths, having presided over several conferences, namely, Manchester, Bradford, and Macclesfield. I bid adieu to the Saints, praying that God may bless you in your important station, and the Saints in England. I feel my heart say the Lord bless you all, and gather you to Zion is my prayer, Amen.

From your affectionate brother, in the bonds of Christ,

CHARLES MILLER.

Stourbridge, Feb. 27th., 1849.

Dear President Pratt,—The following account which I send you, I have copied out of the *British Banner*, of February 21st., which I have no doubt will be interesting to you, if you have not seen the particulars previously. And I pray that the God of Israel will bless Captain Dan Jones and all his company, and give them a safe voyage to Zion's shores, where they may rejoice (with their kindred spirits) on the mountains of Israel, is the prayer of my heart, even so. Amen.

I am your affectionate brother,

In the new and everlasting covenant,

JOHN JOHNSON.

"EMIGRATION TO CALIFORNIA."—"THE LATTER-DAY SAINTS."—"On Tuesday last, Swansea was quite enlivened in consequence of the arrival of several wagons loaded with luggage, attended by some scores of the "bold peasantry"

of Carmarthenshire, and almost an equal number of the inhabitants of Merthyr, and the surrounding districts, together with their families. The formidable party were nearly all "Latter-day Saints," and came to this town for the purpose of proceeding to Liverpool in the Troubadour steamer, where a ship is in readiness to transport them next week to the glittering regions of California. This goodly company is under the command of a popular Saint, known as Captain Dan Jones, a hardy traveller, and a brother of the well known John Jones, Llangollen, the able disputant on the subject of "Baptism." He arrived in the town on Tuesday evening, and seems to enjoy the respect and confidence of his faithful band. Amongst the group were many substantial farmers from the neighbourhoods of Brechfa and Llanybydder, Carmarthenshire; and although they were well to do, they disposed of their possessions to get to California. It is their intention, we are informed, not to visit the gold regions, but the agricultural districts, where they intend, they say, by helping one another, to reside in peace and harmony, and to exemplify the truth of "brotherly love," not in name, but in practice. Amongst the number who came here, were several aged men, varying from 70 to 90 years of age, and "whose hoary locks," not only proclaim their "lengthened years," but render it very improbable they will live to see America; yet so deluded are the poor and simple Saints, that they believe that every one amongst them, however infirm and old they may be, will as surely land in California safely, as they started from Wales. Their faith is most extraordinary. On Wednesday morning, after being addressed by their leader, all repaired on board in admirable order, and with extraordinary resignation. Their departure was witnessed by hundreds of spectators, and whilst the steamer gaily passed down the river, the Saints commenced singing a favourite hymn. On entering the piers, however, they abruptly stopped singing, and lustily responded to the cheering with which they were greeted by the inhabitants."—*Cambrian*.

EXTRACTS FROM CONFERENCE MINUTES.

MACCLESFIELD.

Held Feb. 4, 1849.—At this conference were represented 6 branches, containing 261 members, including 13 elders, 23 priests, 6 teachers, 5 deacons, removed 8, received 11, 2 cut off, 8 emigrated, and 30 baptized.

JOSEPH CLEMENTS, President.
JOSEPH WALKER, Clerk.

WARWICKSHIRE.

Held Feb. 11, 1849.—There were represented in this conference 577 members, including 1 high priest, 28 elders, 46 priests, 14 teachers, 10 deacons, 64 added by baptism, 22 excommunicated, 2 received by letter, 8 removed, and 1 dead.

ALFRED CORDON, President.
RICHARD TILT, Clerk.

CHELTENHAM.

Held Feb. 25th.—At this conference were represented 20 branches, containing 545 members, including 1 high priest, 36 elders, 30 priests, 21 teachers, and 16 deacons. During the past quarter 32 had been baptized, 12 received by letter, 6 removed, 5 cut off, 3 died, and 23 emigrated.

JAMES W. CUMMINGS, President.
JAMES S. BALLINGER, Clerk.

MY HOME'S IN CALIFORNIA.

Where are you going? whither away?
Why leave this land? in liberty stay.
I'm going home to regions of day,
There to join in a sweet cheering lay—
And my home's in California.